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SUBJ: INTERIM REPORT ON STATUS OF COAST GUARD INSPECTOR

REF: STATE 275107

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH FONOFF REQUEST FOR "TECHNICAL STAFF OR DIPLOMATIC MISSION" STATUS FOR PROPOSED COAST GUARD INSPECTOR TO IMPLEMENT MITSUBISHI-EXXON CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DEEP WATER SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE DRILLING RIG (REFTEL). WHILE FONOFF REPS INDICATE AFTER TALKING WITH MITSUBISHI THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING ANY OFFICIAL STATUS FOR THE INSPECTOR, THEY HAVE REFERRED THE CASE TO THE TREATIES BUREAU FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND HOPEFULLY AN EARLY RESPONSE. FONOFF HAS SPECULATED ON POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING INSPECTOR AS MEMBER OF CONSULAR STAFF AT OSAKA-KOBE BUT HAS ALSO ASKED WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF INSPECTOR DID NOT RECEIVE SUCH STATUS. (JAPAN IS NOT SIGNATORY TO VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, BUT APPLIES MAIN POINTS OF THE CONVENTION ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.)

2. IT WOULD HELP OUR ARGUMENTATION WITH THE FONOFF IF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED:

A. IN WHICH COUNTRIES HAS ARTICLE 37 DIPLOMATIC STATUS FOR SUCH INSPECTORS BEEN ACCORDED?

B. ARE U.S. FLAG CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS NORMALLY MET BY THIS PROCEDURE?

C. WILL THE INSPECTOR BE A COAST GUARD OFFICER?

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D. DO WE ENVISAGE A CONTINUOUS REQUIREMENT FOR STATIONING

BEYOND THE REQUESTED 14-24 MONTHS?

E. HOW IMPORTANT IS IMMUNITY FROM JURISDICTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FLAG CERTIFICATION?

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